

Janis Kozlowski: So as an aerographer were you guys in a separate group or were you actually attached to a unit?



Photo 3: Back row: Name unknown, James Harvey Dew, Name unknown, Sandor "The Count" Podmanski, PeeWee Welch. Middle row: Name unknown, Bob Wyman. Bottom Row: Andy Andersen.

Walter Andersen: We were ... actually we were ... the Navy bombers were in Fleet Air Wing Four but we were US Naval Air Station Attu, the weathermen were.

Janis Kozlowski: And do you remember how many of you were there, aerographers?

Walter Andersen: It wasn't all that many. There was 15, maybe.

Janis Kozlowski: Did you each, I mean, did you all ... if there were 10 or 15 guys did you all work every day or did they need that many just to cover 24 hour shifts?

Walter Andersen: We worked there 24 hours.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh.

Walter Andersen: So it ... maybe 20. There wasn't many on a shift though, there was only about 3 or 4, there was maybe between 15 and 20.

Janis Kozlowski: Did you all stay there on Attu or did you go out on ships and planes and things like that?

Walter Andersen: We went out on planes, on the weather planes.

Janis Kozlowski: Were those voluntary assignments or did everybody have to do them?

Walter Andersen: No, those were voluntary.

Janis Kozlowski: Did you get more pay for doing that kind of thing?

Walter Andersen: Yes, we got 50% more.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh, so there was an incentive.

Walter Andersen: Yes.